IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

James Robert Adair, Jr. et al.

Serial No. 09/954,443

Filed: September 17, 2001

For: Heat Seal Die and System and Method

For Portion Control Sized Packaging

Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Thanh K. Truong

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003, kindly consider the amended claims and appended remarks. A Petition for a 2-month extension of time and authorization to charge Deposit Account 19-5029 with the requisite fee in which to file this response is filed herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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